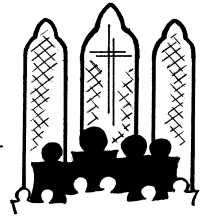


# ANGLICAN PARISH OF HALSWELL PREBBLETON

*Living the way of Jesus. Sharing our life together. Reaching out in God's love.*



**SUNDAY 25TH JULY 2010**

**9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY**

## WORSHIP TODAY:

Eucharistic Liturgy at all Services:

Thanksgiving of the People of God - ANZPB Pg 404

*All who are baptised, regardless of denomination, are welcome to have communion.*

*If you do not wish to receive bread or wine, please come forward for a blessing.*

## SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

Do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you.  
I will uphold you with my saving right hand.

*Isaiah 41:10*

## LESSON:

Micah 6: 8-12

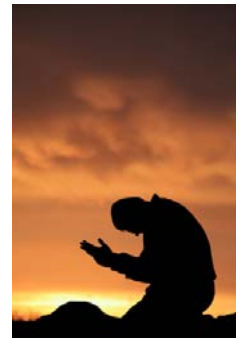
## GOSPEL:

Matthew 25: 31-45

## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**Christ of the new covenant,  
give us the happiness to share,  
with full measure, pressed down,  
shaken together and running over,  
all that you give us.**

**Praise to you our God; you answer prayer. AMEN**



## TODAY WE PRAY FOR....

- those with special needs, especially Emily Williamson, Beth Moores, Ruth Lang, Margaret Bennetts, Shirley Bishop, Susanne & Gemma McElroy.
- ANGLICAN CARE:  
The Trust Board: Chairperson, Pamela Hindin-Whitewood (David)  
City Mission: Mr Michael Gorman (Jan Daly),  
Chaplain: The Very Revd Michael Brown (Anne)  
Family & Community: Jan Rogers - Team Leader  
Anglican Aged Care: Alison Jephson (John) Director  
Anglican Aged Care Homes:  
Bishopspark: The Revd Jim McKenna, Chaplain,  
Churchill Courts: The Revd Ivan Jones, Chaplain,  
Fitzgerald Complex: The Revd Hugh Bowron, Chaplain,  
Social Justice Enabler: Jolyon White.

## AND WE GIVE THANKS FOR ....

- recent answers to prayer for those who have been ill or in need.
- for those who are visitors with us today.

*We invite you to join us in the hall for morning tea after the 9am & 10am services*

Greetings all,

This past week has been a busy one. The school term has started again and 333 and Dominos began on Thursday night, the Quiz on Friday and the a Variety club gathering of the young woman in the parish at the Vicarage (The Vicar was politely invited to be elsewhere at that time). Thank you to all you helped with the Quiz on Friday night, it was a great evening. Also, the first night of Chrust at Dominos went supremely well. Hamish, Rebecca and Rhonda cooked up a storm and set the bar really high for the other volunteer teams cooking the Chrust meals this term.

This week we are beginning a focus on stewardship. Stewardship of course is the way we look after what God has given us. It is the means of making sure that the gifts that God has gifted us are used not just to keep ourselves alive, but to further God's kingdom here on Earth. Stewardship isn't just about money and how the parish is going to find the financial resourcing for our activities this coming year, but also considering how we use all of our giftings - whether it is spiritual gifts, a change in our time and energy, or exploring new opportunities for mission that may arise.

What is important, is also to recognise that it is our choice what we do with God's gifts. With stewardship also comes responsibility to follow God's guidance. Everything that we offer God we realise that we offer it because God has already given to us. In a sense then we offer what is already God's, that we haven't required ourselves. We do so not out of obligation, but thankfulness that God has provided for us already. We pray also that what we do offer, whether it is that time, energy, gifts, or money that it is used to God's glory, and furthers the work that the Church has been commissioned to do.

Stewardship for us this year will also be a celebration of the ministries that we offer back to God. There are so many people in the Parish that give of themselves without recognition. Whilst humility is a fruit of the Spirit, a reaction to the working of the Spirit through us, we also know that we must celebrate the work that God is doing within each of us and pray for those ministries.

Blessings to you all this week,



**AAW this Wednesday begins with our usual Holy Communion at 10am in the Parish Lounge. At our meeting we will hear about Grey Power and how they can help us. This is followed by a shared lunch. New members welcome.**

*Thank you to all those who brought items for our **WINTER WARMERS APPEAL** today. Do remember that we are always happy to take goods in to the City Mission on your behalf and our 'care baskets' at the back of the churches invite your contributions of groceries each week.*

**Riding on Faith All Saint's Prebbleton NEXT SUNDAY at 7pm.**

A great family sing-a-long of old favourites led by the band of Reg Garters with Alys on the organ and a special guest artist! We look forward to seeing you there!



**Friends and Neighbours** meet in the Parish Lounge on Tuesday 27th at 1.00pm. This week there will be fun Housie and a sales table. You are welcome to just arrive and join in or contact Diane 322 7328.



**Church Mice** is the newest addition to our Sunday morning children's and youth ministry programme. Church Mice offers play equipment, toys, music, games and stories for any children up to 5 years old in the Bingham Room during the 10am service at Saint Mary's during term time. Parents are welcome to bring their children over anytime from 9.45am onwards or Church Mice can come across to the hall with the older children shortly after the beginning of the service. Parents are very welcome to stay with their child at Church Mice.



**The community choir, PAUA CANTATA** presents an evening of entertainment on Saturday 7th August in the Parish Hall beginning at 7:30pm. There will be a great 'Food Hamper' Raffle! Tickets at \$5 each are available from the parish office or phone Judith on 322 4134.

The Military & Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem present a **VARIETY CONCERT** to raise money to purchase water tanks for children & families in Samoa at the Music Centre, Barbadoes St, **Sunday, 8th August 2- 4pm**. A special musical occasion generously created by some of Christchurch's finest musicians in a beautiful and acoustically excellent setting. \$20 admission (\$15 Seniors). Call Joan Curwood 3228317 for tickets.

***During recent times we have been enjoying the benefits of improvements to our hall especially at Saint Mary's. Unfortunately along with those benefits we have some responsibility. Over several months Vestry has been engaged in discussion, debate and research as to how best to manage the hall in a transparent, responsible and fair way. We hope we have achieved that. From now on any activities that are not parish activities will be charged for to help cover our costs and ongoing maintenance. The charges and conditions of hire can be requested from the parish office during office hours.***

***We ask God's blessing on all activities we will do this week in His name.***

**THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday - 27 July**

8.45 am	Morning Prayer	All Saints Church
9.30 am	Prebbleton Walking Group	meet at Westlake carpark
1.00 pm	Friends & Neighbours	Parish Lounge

**Wednesday - 28 July**

10.00 am	Eucharist	Parish Lounge
	followed by AAW meeting and lunch	

**Thursday - 29 July**

3.33 pm	Children's Club	Parish Hall
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**Saturday - 31 July**

7.30 am	Men's Fellowship	Parish Lounge
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**Sunday - 1 August**

**Readings:** *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14. 2:18-23, Luke 12: 13-21*

8.00 am	Eucharist	Saint Mary's Church
9.00 am	Breakfast	Parish Hall
9.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church
10.00 am	Eucharist	Saint Mary's Church
10.00 am	KFC, JAM & Upsized	Parish Hall
7.00 pm	Riding on Faith	All Saints Church

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**HALL BOOKINGS**

For all bookings of Saint Mary's Hall & Tosswill Lounge contact the Parish Office 322 6095.

Hall Managers: Malcolm & Karena Johnson 322-7180